

United State Government

Department of Energy

memorandum

DATE: November 12, 2004
REPLY
ATTN OF: EM-23 (G. McBrien, 301-903-1385)
SUBJECT: Final End States Vision Documents
TO: Distribution

Thank you for taking the time to actively participate in the "End States Next-Steps Workshop" in Chicago. Clearly, we have to give the issues that were raised our personal and thoughtful attention. I look to you, as Site Managers, to take the lead in defining the appropriate "End State" process, since many of the issues are site specific. This process will involve stakeholders in a straightforward and frank manner, and will take place within the existing regulatory framework.

Based on the need for further stakeholder interaction, you may, if necessary, delay submission of your End State Vision Documents currently scheduled for December 1, 2004. Our goal is to ensure that all stakeholders have adequate opportunity to review the Vision Document before it is submitted to Headquarters. Please provide a schedule for submitting your completed Vision Document, as well as your proposal for the next steps in the End States process. The steps you outline, along with recommendations from the Environmental Management Advisory Board and the End States Working Group will shape how we will proceed. In addition, please suggest any issues that you believe would require national consideration and indicate why.

As a reminder, on August 2, 2004, David Garman, Acting Under Secretary for Energy, Science and Environment issued a memorandum on the need for a 72-hour prior notification to the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs (CI) and Public Affairs (PA) for some actions. The covered actions include release of Vision documents. Therefore, we remind you to provide at least three days prior notice to CI and PA of any release of Vision documents. The required notification form was attached to the August 2, 2004, memorandum.

You may send your information to Dr. Robert Goldsmith, Director, Core Technical Group. If you have any questions, please call Dr. Goldsmith at (301) 903-4954.



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